Indian Railways Land Development Authority

†1982. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to commercialise the vacant railway land;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to constitute the Indian Railway Land Authority for this purpose; and

(c) if so, by when the same would be constituted and when the same would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2004 to make commercial use of Railway land (and air space) as one of Railway works by amending Section 11 of the Railways Act, 1989 and to set up Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) to commercially utilise the railway land has been introduced in Rajya Sabha on 20.12.04 and stands referred to the Standing Committee on Railways.

Railway zones and their earnings

1983. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway zones in the country;

(b) the earnings of railways, zone-wise; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are sixteen railway zones in the country.

(b) and (c) The earnings of railways, zone-wise and their details are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.